

# REID SAYS HIS MARRIAGE WAS AN UNLAWFUL ONE

## Declares the Ceremony Was Performed Two Days After He Had Been Divorced From First Wife.

### Attorney Fulton Contends That This Fact Squashes Mrs. Reid's Suit for Divorce and Alimony—Reid Files His Answer to the Martin Damage Suit, Alleging That Martin Drove Her From Home.

◆ Captain John Reid says—

◆ That Mrs. Reid's action for divorce is ridiculous, for the reason that they were never legally married;

◆ That he was divorced from a former wife on December 11, 1903, and that he married the plaintiff in the present action at Seattle on December 13;

◆ That the laws of both the state of Oregon and the state of Washington require that divorced parties shall not remarry within six months from the date of divorce.

◆ Judge McBride has made an order requiring Captain Reid to retain possession of all his property pending settlement of the case.

◆ In his reply to the \$5000 damage suit filed against him by William Martin, for alleged alienation of his wife's affections, Captain Reid enters a general denial; says Martin threatened to kill his wife, and that he was so cruel to her that she was compelled to leave him; that Mrs. Martin was granted a divorce because of Martin's cruelty. Martin's attorney replies that this latter fact does not bar the plaintiff from recovering, and on this point the suit hinges.

◆ temporary alimony. Mrs. Reid's lawyers were anxious to argue the motion at once, but George Clyde Fulton, representing the captain, would not agree. Mr. Fulton's statement brought out the interesting fact that the parties were not legally married—a fact now for the first time stated in court, although well known to many persons familiar with the case.

◆ Disregarded the Law.

◆ Mr. Fulton evidently means to quash proceedings against Captain Reid early in the game, and for that reason objected yesterday to immediate argument of the motion of Mrs. Reid's attorneys for the injunction. Mr. Fulton said his client was never married to the plaintiff in the action and related the circumstances. It appears from his narrative that Captain Reid divorced a former wife in Portland on December 11, 1903. Now, the laws of Oregon require that a divorced person must not remarry within six months from the time of the granting of the divorce, and Mr. Fulton stated that Captain Reid and the present Mrs. Reid, disregarding this feature of the law, had married at Seattle on December 13, 1903, two days after the granting of the divorce to the captain.

◆ The attorney for the defendant contended that the illegal marriage was a bar to such proceedings as those instituted by Mrs. Reid, and he asked the court to defer further hearing of the matter until Monday, so as to give him a chance to secure from Multnomah county a certified copy of the divorce decree handed down there to Captain Reid. This request was granted. Mrs. Reid's attorneys were ready to argue their side of the case, but Mr. Fulton, evidently with the idea of settling the case at one fell swoop, insisted upon a postponement until the certified copy of the decree was available.

◆ However, Judge McBride made an order requiring Captain Reid to retain possession of all his property pending settlement of the suit, but did not grant Mrs. Reid the \$200 asked by her lawyers.

◆ Status of the Damage Suit.

◆ Captain John Reid yesterday filed his

answer to the complaint in the damage suit instituted against him by William Martin. Martin asks \$5000 damages from Reid on the allegation that Reid alienated from him the affections of the former Mrs. Martin, who is likewise the present Mrs. Reid.

The answer recites that on February 13, 1903, Bertha Martin commenced an action for divorce from her husband in Multnomah county, alleging that her husband had treated her in a cruel and inhuman manner and that he had threatened to kill her; that she was granted a divorce on April 10, and that the allegations were proven to be true. It is further stated in the answer that the cruelty of Martin towards his wife compelled her to leave him, and this circumstance is alleged to be a bar to proceedings against Reid on the part of Martin with the allegation of alienation of Mrs. Martin's affections.

Martin's attorneys yesterday filed a reply to this answer, in which it is contended that the allegations in the answer are insufficient to meet the complaint. The reply was argued by the attorneys, Martin's representatives setting up the contention that the divorce proceedings of Mrs. Martin did not affect in any way the suit of Martin against Reid, while Reid's attorneys put forth a contrary contention. On this point the case hinges. Judge McBride has taken the matter under advisement, and on his decision will depend largely the outcome of the damage suit.

The charge against Captain Reid, who was arrested at the instance of his wife for alleged assault and battery, is set for hearing before Justice Goodman today. However, it is improbable the case will be called until after the circuit cases in which the parties are involved are settled.

#### WEDDED BLISS IS BRIEF.

#### Bride of Few Days Charged With Complicity in Land Frauds.

Los Angeles, Feb. 26.—Charged with having been associated with Carl Anderson in the wholesale fraudulent land deals, to which she has confessed, Mrs. E. W. Allen, a bride of two days, was taken into custody today in Pasadena and brought to the Los Angeles jail. She confessed her guilt but claims that what she did was done without guilty knowledge of Anderson's intentions. She was married on Sunday to E. W. Allen, a wealthy oil man of Pasadena. Before that her name was Massey, and it was only by learning that a woman named Massey had been married that the detectives were able to locate her.

According to the woman's confession, Anderson came to her last September and asked her to represent herself to be Mrs. Mary A. Griswold, with whom he said he was in a real estate deal. He offered to pay her \$15, and for that sum she went with him to the notary public, signed a deed in the name of Mrs. Griswold, made affidavit that she was Mrs. Griswold and acknowledged the execution of the deed.

With this deed and copies of it which he himself forged, Anderson went to Omaha and sold the property of Mrs. Griswold to a wealthy citizen. Then he went to Kansas City, and then to Chicago, selling the property at each of the places and sometimes to several purchasers. The amount he secured was large and he returned here a rich man, but was arrested Sunday night and confessed. He declares he will plead guilty in court. He confirms the statement of the woman that she did not participate with him in a division of the money he thus secured, but she had acknowledged that she committed a felony and will be prosecuted. Her husband knew nothing of the transaction, and now threatens to sue for divorce at once.

#### NO COUNT AND NO ACCOUNT.

#### Fake Nobleman and Wife Get into Trouble at Dawson.

Dawson, Feb. 26.—Advices from the lower Yukon state that the Count and Countess Moracewski, formerly of Dawson, have been arrested and taken to Nome, charged with an attempt to murder Captain William Galpin, who was the correspondent of the London Times here during the boom days and who was later well known as a mine operator. Galpin also alleges that the couple stole his diary and account books. Their bail has been fixed at \$5,000 each.

The trouble is alleged to have taken place at the Russian mission. It is alleged that the countess tried to shoot the captain, but he had removed the powder from the cartridges and she snapped the revolver in his face with out being able to do any damage.

At the preliminary hearing the countess was so haughty and interjected so many remarks into the trial that she was fined three times by Commis-

sioner McDonnell for contempt of court.

The trio figured in a sensational trial in Dawson last summer. They were all single then, and the men were rivals for the hand of the woman. Her name was then Alice Rollins Crane and she was an authoress of more than local fame. After the trial she married Moracewski and went down the river with him.

The reports from down the river are to the effect that Moracewski is no count at all, but a Russian mechanic. The woman who is now his wife reported before leaving Dawson that the count owned valuable estates near Moscow, but was exiled for some trouble he got into while a student.

#### REQUESTS A COMMISSION.

#### James Henry Smith Appeals to Courts to Settle Dispute.

New York, Feb. 26.—In order to settle a dispute between the executors of an estate of \$50,000,000, the greater part of which was left to him by his uncle five years ago, James Henry Smith, of this city, has applied to the supreme court for the appointment of a commission which shall determine the commissions to which the executors are entitled. To reach an opinion on the commission will have to appraise the whole estate exactly. The property in question is that of George Smith. It was that acquired in Chicago and Milwaukee. In 1861, Smith went to London, where he died in 1899. Two of the executors are residents of London and it is to settle a dispute between them over commissions that the heir has made application to the courts. The payment of about \$500,000 is involved.

#### CHURCH SERVICES.

Baptist—Usual services tomorrow.

Norwegian Danish Methodist—Rev. C. J. Larsen pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.

First Presbyterian—Subject of the morning sermon, "The Lord's Portion;" subject for the evening discourse, "The Lair of Sin."

M. E. church.—The subjects for the sermons will be "Things that Please God," and "A Hard place for a Young Man to be a Christian." Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 12:15 and Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.

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#### Land Office Appointees.

Washington, Feb. 26.—After a conference today between the president and Senators Fulton and Mitchell, it was announced the president would appoint J. H. Booth, of Eugene, receiver, and Joseph T. Bridges, of Roseburg, register of the land office at Roseburg. They are the present incumbents.

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